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NOTE FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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SUBJECT: Keynote Remarks at [REDACTED] Proliferation Conference

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To follow up our conversation in the van on the way back from NFIB, I would appreciate it very much if you would "keynote" the conference. The attached talking points give you the flavor of what we will be trying to accomplish.

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Conference

Nuclear Security and Proliferation-Related Issues: Nuclear Supplier
States, and Near East and South Asian Regional Developments

Proposed Talking Points for C/NIC Keynote Remarks
(1300 Hours, Wednesday, 11 August 1982)

- This is the fourth in a series of annual conferences that have been held to bring together policy and intelligence officials, for a somewhat extended period, to exchange views on the various issues that are lumped together under the heading of "nuclear proliferation."
- The hope is that those among you on the policy side will gain a greater sense for what we know on the intelligence side and how we have come to this knowledge in a policy area recently termed "too important" by Secretary Shultz.
- The important benefits for us on the intelligence side will be to gauge more precisely what is needed for ongoing policy deliberations and, perhaps more importantly, to get a better sense for the kinds of developments we should try to anticipate that might warrant policy decision and diplomatic action.
- I note that the conference schedule includes a case-study presentation of the important linkage between the receipt of significant intelligence and diplomatic action at the highest levels. [redacted] [redacted] should be quite instructive. 25X
- At a more general level, what might be termed "trends" in proliferation were recorded most recently in a comprehensive National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on the subject just issued by the DCI and the Intelligence Community.
- We will be building on this "benchmark" National Estimate in following a dual focus for the presentation and discussions that will take place here.
- On the one hand, and at the outset, we will be trying to better understand the policies and activities of certain, selected countries which, like the US, are in the business of supplying nuclear materials and facilities to other nations.
- The other focus is on a number of countries giving rise to substantial proliferation concern in one of the world's most volatile regions: the Near East and South Asia.

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- There is also an informal session planned for Argentine nuclear developments--an area of particular interest in the wake of the Falklands war.
- From my perspective, and that of the DCI, I can assure you that the potential spread of nuclear weapons to additional countries is of the highest priority for intelligence collection and assessment.
- We have accepted the challenge to our capabilities posed by weapons-related activities that are very carefully protected in those countries where they are taking place.
- We think that the intelligence record isn't too bad in terms of being ahead of some of the most significant developments in the past few years.
- We hope that the next few days here will help us in improving our efforts in this vital security area.

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